## **MINUTES**

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETIN GHELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN MEETING ROOM 1C OF THE MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 303 EAST KIRKWOOD AVE., BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Robert Bent, Susan Brackney, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John

Hamilton, Cairril Mills, Darryl Neher, Dave Rollo, Catherine

Stafford, Toby Strout, John West

Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development

Kären Sullivan, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS Mike Steinhoff, Intern, Commission on Sustainability

# Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by John Hamilton. Cairill Mills motioned for approval of the Minutes from the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and Toby Strout seconded the motion. The February 14, 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.

Bob Bent told the Commission that he and Dave Rollo have had discussions with Cinergy to look at putting solar panels on the Showers Building and also on other buildings around town and on the IU campus.

Keith Clay announced that William Ruckelshaus, the first administrator of the EPA will be speaking during Earth Week on Wednesday, April 19 at 1pm at the Wells-Metz Theater at IU.

#### **Public Comment**

On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> there is a Food Security Forum at the Bloomington Adult Community Center on Walnut Street. The forum will discuss how to achieve safe, secure and healthy food for Bloomington.

A member of the Public suggested that the Commission members read a paper on Sustainable Economics. The Commission suggested that it be displayed at the library and therefore the public can also read the article.

The Commission was encouraged to look at how Bloomington can meet the basic needs of the population, specifically food, water, shelter and energy and to implement actions that matter.

Paul Schneller asked how the Natural Step was going to be incorporated in Commission and committee proceedings.

## U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

The Commission interns gave a presentation on the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, what it is and how what policies and practices Bloomington has in place that already encourage climate protection. John West motioned that the Commission endorse the Mayor's signing of the agreement and Dave Rollo seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to endorse the Mayor's signing of the Agreement.

# <u>Committee Reports – Indicators Committee</u>

Thank you to everyone for attending the focus group meetings. Seventy members of the public attended the meetings. The Indicators Committee will send out an indicators report to the Commission with comments and feedback being due back the Committee by April 3, 2006. The committee is working on a way to thank the focus group participants.

### **Committee Reports – Education Committee**

The Environmental Commission has invited the BCOS to table with them at Earth Day celebrations on campus and in the City. The have also invited BCOS to cosponsor an event. The Natural Step presentation is being rewritten and will be sent to the Commission members for review. A Sustainability 101 presentation was created and the Commission will give this presentation to the Commission at the April meeting. Staff and the committee will work with the City legal department to draft language appropriate for use in Speakers Bureau presentations.

### **Committee Reports – Other Committees**

John Hamilton will contact Commission members to serve on the Initiatives Committee and the Partnerships and Resources Committee. Please let him know if you are interested in serving on either one.

### Staff Report

The Commission on Sustainability website can now be accessed though: <a href="https://www.bloomington.in.gov/sustainable">www.bloomington.in.gov/sustainable</a>. Jackie Moore is the City attorney assigned to work on BCOS legal issues.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at the McCloskey Room in City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Kären Sullivan Intern, Office of the Mayor, Commission on Sustainability March 14, 2006